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SUBJECT: SOVIET UNION TRIES AGAIN IN FISHERIES

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1. DURING JULY 19 CONVERSATION WITH CAPEVERDEAN
AMBASSADOR IN DAKAR, CHARGE LEARNED THAT SOVIET UNION
HAS AGAIN APPROACHED GOCV WITH OFFER OF COMBINED FISHING
ARRANGEMENT IN CAPEVERDEAN WATERS. CAPEVERDEAN AMBASSADOR
VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD COUNSELED HIS GOVERNMENT NOT TO
AGREE TO VENTURE IN LIGHT OF GUINEA-BISSAU'S UNHAPPY
EXPERIENCE WITH THE SOVIETS IN THE FISHING SECTOR.
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AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT QTE THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT LEARNED
ANYTHING. THEY HAD EVERY OPPORTUNITY IN GUINEA-
BISSAU, ALL THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP CREATED DURING
THE STRUGGLE (OF LIBERATION). NOW THEY HAVE RUINED
THE ATMOSPHERE IN BISSAU BY SUCKING THE LIFE BLOOD OF
GUINEA. END QTE.

2. DESPITE THE AMBASSADOR'S STRONG FEELINGS WHICH PRESUMABLY HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND DESPITE THE ADVICE AND COUNSEL OFFERED BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR IN THE SENSE OF DEFLECTING THE SOVIET PROPOSAL (REF C), WE BELIEVE THE NEW OFFER HAS SOME CHANCE OF BEING ACCEPTED BY THE GOCV. ALTHOUGH THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC COORDINATION AND DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES AND KNOWN TO OPPOSE ANY AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS, DEFENSE AND SECURITY MINISTER SILVINO DA LUZ HAS GONE TO BAT FOR THE AGREEMENT.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS TIED IN AN OFFER OF MILITARY AND SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING (WHICH DA LUZ VERY MUCH WANTS) WITH THE FISHING PROPOSAL. DURING JUNE 22 CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE, SOVIET FIRST SECRETARY EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT GOCV CONCURRENCE WITH THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING VERY SOON.

4. ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS SOVIET FISHING VESSELS ARE ALREADY BEING ALLOWED USE OF THE PORT FACILITIES AT MINDELO AND SAO VINCENTE ISLANDS.

5. COMMENT: THE GOCV IS CURRENTLY RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE NETHERLANDS AND PORTUGAL IN DEVELOPING THE FISHING SECTOR. THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAVE ALSO

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INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST IN FISHERIES. IN ADDITION THE GOCV SEEMS TO BE GOING AHEAD WITH PLANS TO LEASE/PURCHASE A TUNA FACTORY SHIP FROM STARKIST. IF THE CAPEVERDEANS CONCUR IN A FISHING AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION IT IS NOT BECAUSE THEY REALLY NEED THE ARRANGEMENT. IF THE BISSAU EXPERIENCE IS REPEATED IN CAPE VERDE, THERE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE A LOT OF UNHAPPY AND EMPTY-HANDED FISHERMEN IN THE ISLANDS.

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